

The details of funds allocated for the PMSSY and expenditure thereon during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

| Year    | Funds allocation at BE Stage | Funds allocation at Re stage | Expenditure |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 2004-05 | 60.00                        | 10.00                        | 6.15        |
| 2005-06 | 250.00                       | 6.00                         | 2.52        |
| 2006-07 | 75.00                        | 10.00                        | 6.36        |
| 2007-08 | 150.00                       | 90.00                        | 88.75       |

Project Management Consultant for each site has been selected for expeditious execution of the work. Ministry has initiated steps to set up dedicated project cell at each site comprising medical expert, engineers and administrative support staff. Each of the projects is being closely monitored by the Ministry.

#### CBI inquiry into case of M/s Dow Chemicals

\*467. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 423 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 2007 and state:

(a) whether CBI inquiry into the case of bribing of incumbent officials in the Central Insecticide Board and in various States' inspectorates by M/s Dow Chemicals of USA for obtaining approval for production/marketing of their several inadmissible products in India has since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether steps have been taken for debarring M/s Dow Chemicals from producing/marketing their products in India in deference to the demands made in Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 2007;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Ministry of Agriculture has not yet received any enquiry report from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A view can be taken only after enquiry report of the CBI has been received.

#### Categories for steel consumers

†\*468. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steel consumers in the country have been divided into various categories for purchasing steel;

(b) if so, the details of such categories along with the identified consumers in each category;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the average annual quantity of steel out of total production sold to consumers of each category during the last four years; and

(d) to what extent the quantity sold is less than the demand of the consumers of each category?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) No. There is no formal categorization of steel consumers for purchasing steel. However, the current sectoral consumption pattern may broadly be divided into Construction: 60%, Manufacturing: 32% and Automobile and Transportation: 8%.

(c) The estimated consumption by the above broad sectors during the last four years is given in the following table:—

| (Million tonnes)       |                           |                           |                           |                                      |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sector                 | Consumption<br>in 2004-05 | Consumption<br>in 2005-06 | Consumption<br>in 2006-07 | Consumption<br>in 2007-08<br>(Prov.) |
| Construction           | 22.3                      | 25.4                      | 28.7                      | 30.1                                 |
| Manufacturing          | 11.3                      | 12.8                      | 14.5                      | 15.3                                 |
| Automobile & Transport | 2.8                       | 3.2                       | 3.6                       | 3.9                                  |
| Total Consumption      | 36.4                      | 41.4                      | 46.8                      | 49.3                                 |

(d) The excess demand of steel not fulfilled by the domestic supply is bridged by imports. The data on import of finished carbon steel during the last five years is as under:—

| Qty. '000 tonne |         |         |         |                 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 2003-04         | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 (Prov.) |
| 1540            | 2109    | 3850    | 4436    | 6732            |

#### MDR-TB Patients in the Country

\*470. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that daily 4400 TB patients die and number of MRD-TB patients is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that around 20 per cent of TB patients, who are presently having TB, are actually availing re-treatment after having failed to comply with treatment regimens earlier; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle this deadly disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) As per the latest estimates the number of deaths attributable to TB daily is ~900. Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), by implementation of internationally recommended DOTS strategy and consistent efforts, has been able to bring down the number of deaths from ~1400 per day in the pre-RNTCP days to the current level. WHO global report 2008 estimates a decline in the deaths due to TB from 42/lakh population per year in 1990 to 28/lakh population per year in 2006.

Drug resistance surveillance studies undertaken in the past by premier institutes like Tuberculosis Research Centre (TRC), Chennai and National Tuberculosis Institute (NTI), Bangalore and the State